

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUTO ARIGA : Examiner: Gevell V. Selby  
Application No.: 10/807,177 )  
Filed: March 24, 2004 )  
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS )  
HAVING COMPACT, LIGHT :  
WEIGHT, RIGID INTERNAL )  
CHASSIS : Confirmation No. 4196  
: February 13, 2009

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed herewith. Prior to further examination on the merits, and in response to the final Office Action dated November 13, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.